

Study Programme for Students from Göttingen

As a student from Göttingen, you begin your studies in October at your home institution by completing five compulsory modules of the MA Development Economics programme. The second (late Jan. - early June) and third semesters (mid-July - mid-Nov.) are spent in Stellenbosch, where 30 ECTS in the mandatory courses »Microeconomics«, »Macroeconomics«, »Dynamic Economic Theory«, and three elective courses are required. Students are advised to write the master's thesis between their third and fourth semesters (Nov. - Mar.). The 4th semester is spent in Göttingen, completing the compulsory course »Development Economics II«, one seminar among three elective seminars in development economics and three elective specialization courses of the MA in Development Economics.

1 st stage of studies: Göttingen (1 st Semester/ winter semester: October-February) 30 Credits					
Advanced Microeconomics (6 Credits)	Macroeconomics of open economies (6 Credits)	Socioeconomics of rural development and food security (6 Credits)	Development Economics I (6 Credits)	Econometrics I (6 Credits)	1 st Semester 30 Credits
2 nd stage of studies: Stellenbosch (2 nd and 3 rd Semester: February-June and July-November) 30 Credits					
Dynamic Economic Theory (6.7 Credits)	2 postgraduate courses (elective) (6.6 Credits)				2 nd Semester (Feb-June)/ 3 rd Semester (July-Nov.): 30 Credits
Macroeconomics (6.7 Credits)	Microeconomics (6.7 Credits)	1 postgraduate course (elective) (3.3 Credits)			
3 rd stage of studies: Stellenbosch or Göttingen (November-March) Master's thesis, 30 Credits					
4 th stage of studies: Göttingen (4 th semester, April-September) 30 Credits					
Development Economics II (6 Credits)	Seminar in Development Economics (6 Credits)	Specialization modules in Development Economics (18 Credits)			4 th Semester 30 Credits

Students may elect to write their master's thesis at either Stellenbosch or Göttingen. The examination regulations of the university in which you write the thesis are applied. Students will be supervised during the course of their master's thesis by two supervisors, one from each university. Both examiners will participate in the grading of the thesis. The programme coordinators are also available to support the participants in the selection of their supervisors. The thesis will be recognised across both master's programmes, irrespective of the university at which the thesis has been written.

About the Faculty of Economic Sciences

The University of Göttingen is an internationally renowned research university with a strong focus on research-led teaching. It has a long tradition, and is one of the leading German universities, ranked among the best European universities by Times Higher Education.

Today, the Faculty of Economic Sciences is one of the largest and most diverse economic faculties in Germany; it comprises over thirty professors teaching and conducting research in the fields of economics, business administration, business information systems, and statistics/econometrics. The University of Göttingen hosts Germany's largest internationally visible cluster of development economics researchers, who are employed at the Department of Economics, the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, and the university's research centres: the Courant Research Centre »Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries: Statistical Methods, Empirical Analyses, and Policy Issues«, Ibero-America Institute for Economic Research, the Centre for European, Governance, and Economic Development Research (cege), and the Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS). These centres and institutes offer cutting-edge research, host guest lecturers, and offer PhD programmes and employment opportunities for highly qualified young academics.

Career Perspectives

The double degree offers excellent career prospects in a wide range of fields such as a career as a:

- ▶ Researcher or economist on development issues in international agencies, consultancy firms, governments, or the private sector
- ▶ International economic consultant with governmental organizations such as the World Bank, the IMF, organizations of the UN system (e.g. FAO, ILO, UNDP etc.), the OECD, the WTO, the ECB, the ODI, the EU, or regional development banks
- ▶ Doctoral student either at the University of Göttingen or elsewhere

Application Process

For students from Stellenbosch:

Please refer to

www0.sun.ac.za/pgstudies/howtoapply.html

Application deadline: 31st October

Start of the programme: every summer term (February)

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For students from Göttingen:

Please refer to

www.uni-goettingen.de/de/206160.html

Application window: April 1st to May 15th

Start of the programme: every winter term (October)

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Double Degree Programme in Development Economics

Upgrade your Career – Double Degree

In today's increasingly competitive, global, and interlinked labour markets, students must distinguish themselves from the masses, as excellent grades, extra-curricular activities and internships are all becoming standard attributes of a résumé. One method of distinguishing yourself from others and diversifying your skill set is to not only acquire one academically excellent degree, but two – in the form of a double degree from two well-established and renowned universities.

The University of Göttingen Faculty of Economics and the Stellenbosch University Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences offer highly qualified students an opportunity to earn a double degree: an MComm in Economics, and an MA in Development Economics. Students in this programme broaden their academic horizon by adding specialized knowledge in development economics and agricultural economics. They additionally benefit from spending two semesters at another university, gaining intercultural awareness and establishing an international network with fellow students and researchers.

» Besides the fact that the University of Göttingen has Germany's largest internationally visible concentration of development economics researchers, it is also an opportunity to meet different people from all walks of life, gain deep-rooted knowledge of other people's cultures, their way of life, and help me to appreciate my own. It will enable me to know and understand how other people view issues of development in their countries.



Rezky Syahrezal (Indonesia), MA student at the University of Göttingen

Welcome to Göttingen – City of Science and more!

The city of Göttingen does not have a university, Göttingen is a university, or so it has been said for the past 275 years. With approximately 116,000 residents of which over 30,000 are students, the city's atmosphere is creative and unique. Almost every fourth resident is a student, making for a lively and young city. Also, because of its internationally-oriented focus, the city is quite cosmopolitan.



In addition to a vibrant academic community, Göttingen has much to offer in terms of social activities: there's something for everyone. The city offers movie theatres, sports and cultural associations as well as beautiful surroundings. With two theatres, a symphonic orchestra and many literary and music festivals, there are numerous cultural offerings (some of which are available at discounted prices using the arts and culture ticket provided as part of the semester fees). Numerous street cafes, pubs, bars, discos, and even student parties in the foyer of the main lecture hall provide Göttingen with a vibrant nightlife.

The city also provides an ideal setting for maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. Not only is it common and widely popular with students to cycle everywhere, but the University Sports Centre caters to virtually every student's needs and wishes from aikido to yoga. In total, there are approximately 100 fitness activities to choose from. Outdoor fans are in for a special treat in the beautiful and diverse countryside: whether it's skiing in the Harz Mountains, climbing in Solling, canoeing on the Weser River, golf, or horseback riding – anything is possible.

There are many social activities offered by the State of Lower Saxony, we encourage you to come and see for yourself!

What is Special about this Degree Programme?

The partnership between the two universities offers a unique research-oriented two-year English-language programme that combines the studies of applied development economics and agricultural economics with a strong emphasis on quantitative methods. The focus of the programme is to prepare students to think analytically and to equip them with cutting-edge research techniques, as well as in-depth knowledge of the driving forces behind economic development.

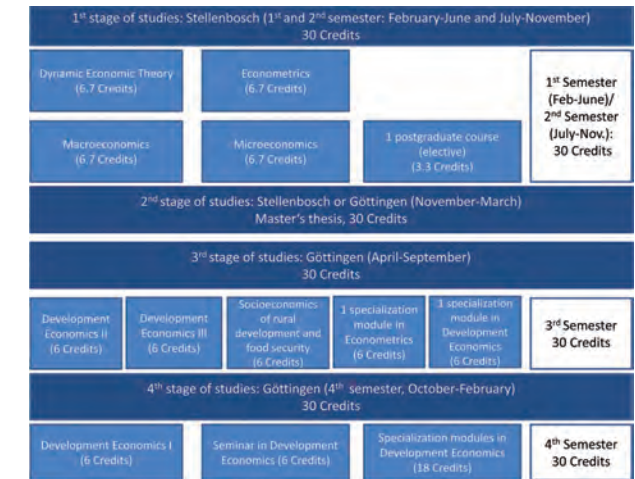
The MComm in Economics comprises advanced study in macro- and microeconomic theory, applied economics and policy analysis. Moreover, special emphasis is placed on research methodology and econometric analysis. Within the development economics courses, the economic and socio-economic situation in South Africa is also analysed through empirical case studies.

The MA in Development Economics is the only university-level master's programme in development economics in Germany. The extensive course offerings in the field of development economics (emphasizing quantitative methods) allow students to specialize in their specific area of interest. These courses teach students the tools used in modern economic analysis, such as using quantitative and statistical techniques to evaluate (development) policy. The programme also equips students with a deep understanding of macroeconomic issues such as trade, capital flows, and aid, as well as microeconomic factors such as poorly functioning markets. Institutions, norms, and governance at all societal levels and the influence of seemingly unrelated concepts of economic development (e.g. gender or conflict) are also crucial to gaining a holistic understanding of development economics.

Subsequently, the programme equips students with key tools for independent research and applied work in the development sector. Additionally, students are trained to communicate effectively with researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in the field, and learn how to advise governments and international institutions on development problems.

Study Programme for Students from Stellenbosch

Students from Stellenbosch will spend their first (early Feb. - early June) and second semester (mid-July - mid-Nov.) at their home institution. There, they will complete the mandatory modules of the MComm in Economics. Students are advised to complete their master's thesis between the second and third semesters (Nov.-Mar.). Students also have the option to write their master's thesis either in Stellenbosch or in Göttingen. The third (mid-Apr. - early Aug.) and fourth semesters (mid-Oct. - late Feb.) will be spent in Göttingen where the mandatory courses »Development Economics I«, »Development Economics II«, »Development Economics III« and »Socio economics of rural development and food security« must be completed. The remaining 36 ECTS are acquired by completing one seminar among three elective seminars in development economics, one elective course in econometrics and four elective courses in development economics.



For further information, please visit:
www.uni-goettingen.de/en/422060.html and
www.econ.sun.ac.za/masters/page/3

For information on courses taught in English, see:
www.uni-goettingen.de/en/33399.html